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**PERSISTENT FELONY OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS AND 8 MONTHS IN
FEDERAL COURT FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE**

PADUCAH, KY - Corey Lamarr Johnson, age 38, of 2300 Park Avenue, Paducah, Kentucky, in McCracken County, was sentenced to 7 years and 8 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky, for conspiracy and distribution of crack-cocaine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Johnson to 4 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Johnson had plead guilty to conspiracy and distribution of crack-cocaine. Between July and October 17, 2006, Johnson sold crack cocaine in the McDonald's parking lot in Paducah, Kentucky to an individual working as a confidential informant (CI). Lab results show the controlled buys totaled 23 grams of crack-cocaine. Before each of the controlled buys, the ATF CI made a recorded call to Johnson to set up the buy. During each of the buys, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents observed Johnson pull up to the CI in the parking lot and on three of the buys the CI got into Johnson's vehicle. The crack-cocaine recovered in this matter has a street value of over \$2,300.

Johnson was convicted in 1998 of trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, first degree possession of a controlled substance in 1999, and first degree trafficking in a controlled substance and being a persistent felony offender in 2007.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele Thielhorn, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division/Paducah Satellite Office in partnership with the Paducah Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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